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HELP FOR FLOOD PRONE HOMES

Grant Money Available to Qualifying Property Owners

(MIAMI, August 8, 2011) – Miami-Dade County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management are partnering to help flood prone property owners find relief. Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Programs, property owners can receive funding to elevate their home or relocate. Mitigation efforts can also involve less expensive measures including the creation of culverts, retention ponds and landscaping berms.

More than 3,000 homeowners throughout Miami-Dade County have filed repetitive flood claims and may be eligible for federal funding to prevent future losses. All property owners applying for these grants must have a current National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIP) policy in effect. For more information, go to <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>. To learn more about FEMA's grant assistance programs, the following workshops have been scheduled:

Monday, August 15, 2011

6-8 pm

Town of Cutler Bay Council Chambers
10720 Caribbean Boulevard
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

6-8 pm

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Auditorium
9300 NW 41st Street
Doral, FL 33178

Mitigation in flood prone areas prevents needless suffering, increases the attractiveness of the communities where the structures are located and can result in lower flood insurance payments for property owners through the Community Rating System.

The Miami-Dade County Department of Emergency Management is committed to working with its partners and the community to lessen the impact of disasters and potential catastrophic incidents. DEM accomplishes its mission through planning, response and coordination of information and resources. Residents may access emergency information at www.miamidade.gov/oem.

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